

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Green Lake County

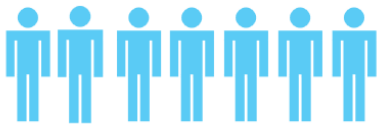
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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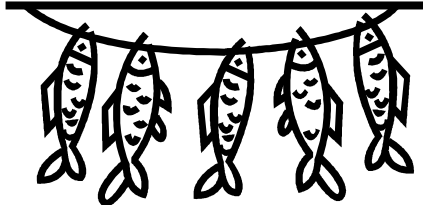
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Green Lake County, **17,966** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

Green Lake County has over **18,950 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR granted a total of **\$17,954** to the Green Lake County Sheriff Department for boat patrol activities.

Mascoutin Valley State Trail offers biking, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing opportunities from Green Lake County to Winnebago and Fond du Lac Counties.

The DNR has recently invested **\$212,836 in state managed properties** in Green Lake County, including the Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area and the White River Marsh Wildlife Area.

In 2014, DNR **stocked 2,720 pheasants** in Green Lake County. This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **283 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Green Lake County.

Community Partnerships

Green Lake County has **80 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

Snapshot of grants in Green Lake County

A total of **\$862,503** was awarded in Green Lake County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety** and **forestry activities**. A snapshot of activities include: Big Green Lake Aquatic Invasive Species outreach, management plan implementation to reduce the nutrient loading and recycling efforts.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$66,540 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$21,249 to local Fire Departments** in Green Lake County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires. This partnership with local fire departments augments and **strengthens the DNR's overall initial attack and fire suppression capabilities**, providing greater protection of lives, properties and natural resources.

Since 2011, **Green Lake County has received \$10,000 in Urban Forestry grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs** such as tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer (EAB) preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training and public education.

Two communities have received technical assistance from DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs. **Two of the communities have national Tree City USA certification.**

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 62 contaminated properties resulting in 83 acres being made available for reuse**. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

Spill coordinators responded to 16 spills of hazardous materials over the past 3 years.

DNR provided \$24,746 in reimbursements over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems**.

Deer Management in Green Lake County

In 2014, Green Lake County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with two landowners who have over 170 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program. This will result in improvements to wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 3,857 deer were registered in Green Lake County with 997 harvested during archery deer season and 2,860 harvested during the gun deer season.